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Date: February 11, 1960

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: SUSAN HEILICHMAN FRANK  
SECURITY MATTER - C

RICHARD CYRIL FRANK  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reference is made to your letter dated February 2, 1960, concerning the captioned individuals, your file USCIS-3/758,444. (S)(u)

Provided the following change is made, dissemination of the data set out on page two of referenced memorandum to [redacted] will not interfere with the intelligence and investigative responsibilities of this Bureau. The last sentence on page two of the memorandum should be changed to read as follows:

"He is known to have received Communist literature, is believed to have made financial contributions to the Communist Party in the U.S., and there is information to indicate Communist Party membership on his part as late as 1957."

This matter has been referred to the Legal Attaches in London, Paris, and Tokyo to alert appropriate security services concerning possible travel of the Franks in England, France, and Japan.

2 - New York (100-42479)(100-107383)(Enclosure)

1 - London (Enclosures - 3)

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[Director  
Central Intelligence Agency] (u)

It would be appreciated if your Agency would furnish this Bureau any pertinent information received concerning possible travel of the subjects to Communist China and concerning their presence in China. Should your Agency receive information that subjects plan to travel in England, France, or Japan, it would be appreciated if you would advise the appropriate Legal Attache in London, England; Paris, France; or Tokyo, Japan. (u)

ATTENTION LEGAL ATTACHES LONDON, PARIS, AND TOKYO, AND  
SAC, NEW YORK:

JFK Act 5 (g)(2)(D)  
A Photostat of referenced Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) memorandum is enclosed for all. It is possible that Paris may receive inquiries regarding the subjects through Swiss sources. In referenced memorandum CIA did not identify its official Swiss source. This identification subsequently given to Bureau via Liaison. The Bureau approved CIA's furnishing this information (u)

[REDACTED]

Also enclosed for each Legal Attache are one copy of a memorandum dated 11-26-58 concerning Richard Cyril Frank and one copy of a memorandum dated 1-26-60 concerning Susan Heiligman Frank. In view of reported plans of subjects to travel in England and France, and since it is anticipated that they may travel in the vicinity of Japan prior to their return to this country, the Legal Attaches at London, Paris, and Tokyo should alert sources in England, France, and Japan concerning the Franks' contemplated travel in Europe and their possible plans to travel in China. Background information concerning the subjects set forth on page two of enclosed CIA letter, as corrected in paragraph two of this letter, may be made available to your sources if deemed advisable. For your additional information, both subjects are on the Security Index. (u)

New York remain alert in this matter and submit any information received concerning the subjects in a form suitable for dissemination. If not already done, New York submit FD-122's tabbed "Out of the country."

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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TO: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Susan and Richard Frank

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WRITTEN NOTATION

1. In response to your 22 December communication  
(File No: 100-339235, 100-401762) we wish to inform you  
that we have received the following from an official  
Swiss source:

SLD/KSR  
6-16-98  
(JFK)

"Richard Frank (born 1922), U.S. citizen, film technician, resident of New York, arrived at the Hotel Savoy in Bern with his wife Susan on 10 December 1959; they stayed there until 12 December leaving for Zurich. Frank inquired for a flight ticket to Prague from Zurich. While in Bern, Frank had contact with the Chinese Communist Embassy on two occasions; he or Mrs. Frank having called at the Embassy. No information is available on the nature of these contacts, nor do we have more detailed personalia."

2. We have observed that persons desiring to travel to Communist China from Switzerland frequently fly via Prague.

3. The following summary has been drawn from material which you have provided us on Subjects (see NY 100-42479, NY 100-107383 and Bureau 100-339235). Please advise if we may pass this summary to our Swiss source, but without revealing that your organization supplied the information contained in it:

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(S) "Swiss Source" [redacted]

com with Mrs J. R. [redacted] - per  
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